

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David P. Dureska on Friday, April 25, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. Claim 1, Lines 8-10, Replace: "so that said modular service unit can alternatively accommodate said bridging plate or said intermediate housing in combination with said reflector housing" with -- so that said modular service unit can alternatively accommodate either said bridging plate or said intermediate housing in combination with said reflector housings --
- b. Claim 22, Lines 10-12, Replace: "so that said modular service unit can alternatively accommodate said bridging plate or said intermediate housing in combination with said reflector housing" with -- so that said modular service unit can alternatively accommodate either said bridging plate or said intermediate housing in combination with said reflector housings --
- c. Cancel Claims 23 and 24.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 1-22 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With regard to Independent Claims 1 and 22, the Applicant has sufficiently amended and claimed a modular service unit incorporating a pair of elongate light fittings including a reflector housing having one or more light tubes. The prior art fails to teach or suggest the combination of structural limitations claimed therein, specifically to the modular service unit alternatively accommodating either a bridging plate or an intermediate housing that can be solely releasably attached to or substantially supported by adjoining lowermost surfaces of the reflector housings. Subsequent Claims 2-21 are allowed due to dependency.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON M. HAN whose telephone number is (571)272-2207. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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